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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Cowlitz County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health suspended the nursing assistant credential of **Anna M. Harrington** (NC10083502) until she complies with the terms of an earlier stipulation.

### **Douglas County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health withdrew a statement of charges against nursing assistant **John A. McAlexander** (NA00199566).

In April of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least five years the registered nursing credential of **Juan de Dios Fuentes** (RN60099030), who had sexual contact with a patient.

### **Franklin County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health issued a cease and desist order to **Julie Settlemier**, ordering her to permanently cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of medicine and naturopathy, and fining her \$10,000.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In March of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission corrected a final order involving physician **Jeffrey Wong** (MD00041288) under which his credential is suspended. Wong may petition to have the suspension lifted and have his license placed on probation when he satisfies certain requirements. Wong displayed aberrant and hostile behavior toward hospital administration and staff. He was asked to resign by the hospital for his conduct. During surgeries, he created an unreasonable risk of harm to patients by distracting others on the surgery team, and he disregarded hospital protocols and procedures, potentially causing patient harm.

In April of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the dispensing optician credential of **Angela L. Ferris** (DO00002043). Ferris failed to provide eyeglasses for which a patient had paid. She was convicted in Grays Harbor District Court on two counts of driving under the influence and one count of possession of marijuana.

### **Island County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the massage therapist credential of **Michael Angelo**, also known as **Michael Webb** (MA00008648), who put his hand down a 6-year-old girl's backside and rubbed her buttocks.

### **King County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Shawn W. Young** (NA00182902). Young patted a patient's mouth in an effort to encourage the patient to eat faster. The patient subsequently developed a bruised mouth.

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order on modification with **Patrick I. Linville** (RN00090292) in which his registered nursing credential is indefinitely suspended. Linville requested and received modification of the terms of an earlier agreed order.

In April of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Joseph B. Barsana** (NA00197256). While working at a Seattle assisted living facility, Barsana was found passed out in a stairwell. A half-empty whiskey bottle was found on an office counter. Also found were a pill bottle bearing Barsana's name and containing cocaine, and a glass narcotics pipe.

In April of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission withdrew a statement of charges against physician **Ki Hyun Oh** (MD00027211).

In April of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Joshua Lee Palmer** (CO60153206), who failed to comply with a previous order.

### **Lewis County**

In April of 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with registered nursing assistant **Tami M. McGinty** (NA00057029) in which her credential is suspended for at least one year. Without permission, McGinty took money that belonged to a recently deceased resident of a long-term care facility where she worked.

### **Pierce County**

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nursing credential of **Michelle A. Yost**, also known as **Michelle A. Waelty** (RN00043031), who failed to comply with an earlier agreement.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the certified nursing assistant credential of **Denamarie Fawn Saltz** (NC10019623), who failed to comply with an earlier stipulation.

### **Snohomish County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the massage therapist credential of **Elizabeth M. Hall** (MA60133247). Hall drank alcohol before her shift at a massage facility. During a massage session she appeared distracted and emotional, cried and described her personal problems, poked her patient's back, resisted the patient's attempt to leave, lay across the patient's upper back and placed an arm around the patient's neck. Hall was found to have a breath alcohol concentration of 0.428.

In April of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Thomas L. Lott** (NC10036300). While working at a facility for developmentally disabled people, Lott entered a patient's room and closed the door, exposed himself, and placed his mouth on the patient's penis.

### **Spokane County**

In April of 2011 the Department of Health, the Chemical Dependency and Licensed Mental Health Counselor programs entered into an agreed order with **Sheri Hoveskeland** (CP00004728, LH00009556) in which her chemical dependency professional and licensed mental health counselor credentials are suspended for at least three years. Hoveskeland had a romantic or

sexual relationship with a client, and was convicted in Spokane Municipal Court of three counts of making a false statement to a public servant, a gross misdemeanor.

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nursing credential of **Micah W. Kaluzny** (RN00174016). While employed at a Spokane hospital, Kaluzny failed a urinalysis for opiates and admitted he'd diverted drugs from the facility for his own use.

In April of 2011 the Department of Health issued a cease and desist order for unlicensed practice to **Takisha McGaugan**, ordering McGaugan to cease and desist from practicing as a physician assistant, and levying a \$1,000 fine.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Kimberly Ann Godsey** (NA60042770), who tested positive during a pre-employment drug screening for amphetamine and methamphetamine.

### **Yakima County**

In April of 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered into an agreed cease and desist order with **Terry Vincent** under which Vincent will permanently cease and desist from engaging in veterinary practice, and will pay a \$1,000 fine.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In April of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician **Cynthia L. Dyess** (MD00026806), who refused to provide medical records for which she was asked during an investigation into whether she had married a patient.

**Florida:** In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nursing credential of **Rhonda L. Taffer** (RN60099816) after the Arizona State Board of Nursing revoked her credential to practice in that state.

**Iowa:** In April of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician **Vernon P. Varner** (MD60026499) after the Iowa Board of Medicine indefinitely suspended his credential to practice in that state.

**Oregon:** In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nursing credential of **Brenda Edge** (RN60071370) after she surrendered to the Oregon State Board of Nursing her credential to practice in that state.

**Wisconsin:** In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission withdrew a statement of charges against registered nurse **Susan Leupold** (RN00158445).

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